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FRENCH POLICY BRITISH PUBLIC OPINION UNEASY PREMIER'S LETTER

SMOOTHING AWAY DIFFICULTIES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 30.
The news is officially confirmed that the Premier, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, sent a private letter to the French Premier M. Poincaré in the friendliest terms, hoping the serious Anglo-French differences would be soon satisfactorily settled. There has been no reply up to the present from M. Poincaré, but this is not surprising, as the letter was only despatched a day or two ago. It is understood that the Anglo-French relations are progressing with regard to Anglo-Russian relations, but at present there is no question of sending a mission to Russia. Earlier cables stated that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's letter to M. Poincaré was said to have been remarkably straightforward. The communication pointed out that Anglo-French relations had ceased to be as friendly as formerly; that British public opinion viewed French policy with a certain degree of suspicion and was nervous about the European situation. Mr. MacDonald invited M. Poincaré to meet him half way in an attempt to achieve a final settlement.

MEXICAN REVOLT FEDERAL TROOPS' SUCCESSES IMPORTANT TOWN CAPTURED

WASHINGTON, January 30.
It is officially reported from Mexico City that 1,500 prisoners were taken when Esperanza fell. [Esperanza, a town with 3,000 inhabitants, was taken by the Federal troops earlier in the week.] GALVESTON, TEXAS, January 30.
The Mexican Federal troops have captured a town in the State of Coahuila, 120 miles from the border. It is reported that the town is a manufacturing center. Its population is 20,000.

LATER.
Federal troops are now advancing on Cordoba. It is reported that several rebel trains have fallen into their hands.

AMERICAN INTERESTS.
WASHINGTON, January 30.
Instructions have been countermanded for the withdrawal of the cruiser "Omaha" and six destroyers from Vera Cruz, where the warships were ordered to remain until further orders. It is believed the change in plans is due to the possibility of a conflict between the rebels and the Federals in the vicinity of Vera Cruz, and the United States desire to have warcraft in the region to look after American interests.

RAILWAY TRACK DYNAMITED.
EL PASO, January 30.
Direct rail communication with Mexico City from the border has again been severed. The rebels dynamited the track and forced a train containing Federal troops to return southward. [With extensive trade and industries, Mexico City, the capital of Mexico, has a population of 385,000.]

IMAGINATION

SINGAPORE DOCK REPORTS.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

LONDON, January 30.
Reuter is informed that the statements published with regard to Singapore or a Government decision in connection with Singapore are pure imagination. Up to the present, the Cabinet has not even discussed the matter.

[Earlier cables stated that the Daily News had learned that the Admiralty were prepared to make important modifications in the Singapore scheme. One alternative was to enlarge the existing dry-dock, so as to take any British warship; the other, which the paper advanced as cheaper and more practicable, was to send to Singapore one of the monster floating docks surrendered by Germany. Official circles described these reports as at least premature. Well informed circles were of the opinion that it was possible an attempt would be made to tow the dock to Singapore although it was realized that it would be a very difficult task. Anyhow, the necessary preparations for the reception of the dock at Singapore would take a considerable time to complete.]

BRITAIN'S VICTORY

CHAMONIX, January 30.
Britain beat France 4-4, thus winning the curling tournament. Sweden was second and France third. At ice hockey Britain beat Belgium 2-3, and America beat France 2-0. In the skating marathon of fifty kilometres, Haug (Norway) made three hours, 44 minutes and 32 seconds. LATER.
At ice hockey Canada beat Switzerland 30-0.

STRIKE PERIL

DOCKERS' WAGE DEMANDS.

MEDIATION SECURED.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ARRANGED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 30.
The council of port labour employers has accepted proposals by the Transport General Workers' Union for a conference to discuss the dockers' strike threat. A national delegate conference of the Transport Workers' Union, representing 120,000 dockers, is to be held to instruct the members to strike on January 16, in all ports of Great Britain unless in meantime a satisfactory settlement of the wages dispute was reached. The dockers demand an increase of 2s a day, and a guaranteed week's work in order to meet the problem of casual labour. The employers say they cannot afford to pay the increase demanded, which will cost over £2,000,000 a year, in view of the depression in the shipping industry.

DANGER TO SHIPPING

UNDERMANNED GERMAN STEAMERS.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE OUTCOME.

LONDON, January 30.
Mr. Havelock Wilson, on behalf of the National Seamen's and Firemen's Union, has telegraphed the Premier pointing out that 1,200 German seamen from German vessels have struck at United Kingdom ports against the low wage of £3 a month, compared with £9, paid by the shipowners of Britain and other nations. The German Government has forbidden German shipowners to negotiate with representatives of the German seamen. German ships leaving British ports are seriously undermanned, leaving endangering other vessels trading in British waters. German captains are making false declarations to the British customs authorities with regard to their crews. Cases have been reported to the Board of Trade, but the Government has taken no action to prevent infringement of the law which the Union urges should be impartially applied.

ARMED PEACE

GERMANY'S TERRIBLE FLIGHT.

MILLIONS OUT OF WORK.

BERLIN, January 30.
The number of unemployed receiving relief in the unoccupied territories has risen to 1,500,000. It is semi-officially estimated that there are from 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 people unemployed or working short time throughout Germany.

CHAOTIC FINANCES

BERLIN, January 30.
The first committee of experts enquiring into means of stabilising the German finances has arrived from Paris and has held a meeting presided over by General Dawes. The committee decided to request the Chancellor to enable the committee to establish points of contact with persons capable of imparting information.

CRICKET DOWN UNDER

VICTORIA WINS SHEFFIELD SHIELD.

PONSFORD'S DOUBLE CENTURY.

SYDNEY, January 30.
Victoria beat New South Wales by eight wickets, thus winning the inter-state competition for the Sheffield Shield. New South Wales' first innings realised 217, Andrews contributing 95 and Harkness taking 4 wickets for 49. Victoria replied with 345, the principal scores being Ponsford (110) and Mayne (154 not out). New South Wales then made 321 of 154 not out. Victoria's second effort secured 5 wickets for 59. Victoria's second effort was 105 for 2 wickets, Ponsford being responsible for 110 not out.

BOMBAY MILL STRIKE

BOMBAY, January 30.
Only two mills are working and these are expected to close to-morrow. Over 140,000 operatives are idle. Negotiations are proceeding and there is no sign of a settlement.

SWIMMING RECORD

SYDNEY, January 30.
A Swede named Arne Borg swam a mile in the world's record time of 21 minutes and 34 seconds.

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BIRTHS.

MUNRO-FAURE—On January 25, 1924 at Hangchow, to the wife of P. H. Munro-Faure, a son.
TAYLOR—On January 22, 1924, at Anking, to Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Taylor, a daughter.

DEATHS.

DANIELS.—On January 25, 1924, at Mofei, Japan, G. G. Daniels, of Shanghai, husband of Mrs. O. Daniels, Shanghai.
COURTNEY.—On Saturday, January 26, 1924, at Shanghai, Mrs. Elvina Elizabeth Montgomery Courtney.
BICKEL.—On January 25, 1924, at Shanghai, Captain Philip L. Bickel, aged 28 years.
"RICHARDSON"—In London, on January 28, Thomas William Richardson (late Governing Director of Bradley & Company Limited), aged 89 years. (By Cable.)

The China Mail.

HONGKONG THURSDAY, JAN. 31, 1924.

BENEVOLENCE

A verse in that excellent book—
The Book of Proverbs which affords
excellent reading for every day, in
the month a chapter a day, enjoins
us to "open our mouth, judge
righteously, and plead the cause of
the poor and needy." Elsewhere it

is definitely stated that "pure religion and undefiled" is amongst other things "to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction." These references spring to the mind when reading the account of the annual meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society which seemingly does good by stealth for a whole year, and then for a brief moment or two and in an almost hurried manner gives an account of its beneficent work, and proceeds on its cycle of benefits. In no other place in the world perhaps other than Hongkong is the gaunt spectre of want and suffering, so far as Europeans are concerned, so successfully hidden, or hides its skeleton sides so effectively. Buildings rise themselves in massive solidity and splendour. Our merchant princes glide past in their smoothly running motors, or are hurled on their way with the aid of oriental man power so common a feature of Far Eastern ports; we all look so supremely contented that the words poverty or want, or help, seem an outrage on the air. And yet there are those who have needed help, and whilst ships come and go and the whistles and arrows of outrageous fortune get misdirected we may always expect the cry to go up for aid. True, the need does not seem to be very great. In the thirty-four years of its existence the Hongkong Benevolent Society has dealt with 1668 cases, an average of almost 50 a year and relieved the Colony

of a burden which is not to be measured in the terms of the donation of \$1,000 which the Colonial Government now makes to the Society. We may be inclined to wonder how the cases dealt with by the Society over reach Hongkong—for they do not appear to be local, and how they prosper when they reach the place to which they are sent. Do they become burdens again to be helped by others who see in the work of charity an outlet for their finer feelings and an expression of the sympathy they bear towards those whom a London preacher has described as the "Ghosts of our social sins"? Is there a chain of charities throughout the Far East, each keeping in touch with the other and advising each other of the cases helped? It is perhaps asking too much. We can only applaud the work of the ladies and wish for them a speedy termination to their labours, and the labours of those who will follow them. That will never be; at least not whilst the economic factors operate, and where the many who have hardened their hearts against the greater number who have not.

It is very important to be acquainted with the native language of the country in which you live. A lady who had but recently arrived in India, desiring some asses milk for her children, sent her servant out with an order to bring the required animal to the house. The man accordingly went but the sex of the animal required not having been mentioned or the purpose for which it was wanted, he brought a male. Jack's arrival was duly announced to the lady, who on seeing him immediately discovered the error that had been made, and attempted to explain it to her servant in the following words: Nahi Nahi, Sahib ko manlik guddo nahi. Hammarh manlik guddo les. This interpreted means "No, no! Not an ass like the master. Bring me an ass like myself."

It is difficult fully to credit the state of a writer in the *New Statesman* that 99 per cent of the British people are taking medicines. This gentleman declares, however, that at least twice as much medicine is being consumed to-day as was the case in 1913, and adds, concerning the habit, "It is common alike to rich and poor, to political editors and charwomen, to dons and dockers." Maybe this is the case, but all the same there is observable, by those who have eyes to see, a world-wide waning of the people's faith in drugs. There is an old, but reassuring, adage about the darkest hour being just before the dawn.

The following is not DIALECT, a gig-saw puzzle, or even a specimen of old English. They are two verses as printed in *The Dialect of Robert Burns* as spoken in Central Ayrshire.

Wee twaw hay run uboot dhe bray;
Un pood dhe gownns fein;
But weev' wawaur munnie a weerie fit
Sin awl lang sein.

Wee twaw hay paidult in dhe burn,
Fay moornin-suh taul dein;
But seev' utween us braid hay roard
Sin awl lang sein.

Our poetic expert says they are the original of Auld Lang Syne!

Examinations are to be partially abolished in Columbia University, New York. Students who attain an average of eighty per cent throughout the term will receive their qualification without any further examination. It has often been suggested that an examination can never be a really accurate test of attainment. Ingenious examiners contrive to obtain professional qualifications for the merest dullards, while there are men of undoubted brilliance who somehow or other never pass an examination. Some new thing is always coming out of America in these days, and the new policy of Columbia will probably be imitated in the Old World sooner or later. If so we imagine teachers who place a real value on their work will be very pleased to say nothing of the pleading scholar. No more Exams! will solve that reprehensible habit of teaching up to what is imagined the examiners will ask; whilst the nerves of scholars will be more settled and they will be likely to do more justice to themselves.

Today's Poem.

(Tombs in Westminster Abbey.)

Mortality, behold and fear!
What a change of flesh is here!
Think how many royal bones
Sleep within this heap of stones:
Here they lie, had realms and lands,
Who now want strength to stir their hands:
Where from their pulpits seald
With dust
They preach, "In greatness is no trust."
Here's an acre sown indeed
With the richest, royal'st seed
That the earth did e'er suck in,
Since the first man died for sin:
Here the bones of earth have cried
"Though gods they were, as men they died."
Here are saunds, ignoble things,
Dropt from the ruin'd sides of kings;
Here's a world of pomp and state
Buried in dust, once dead by fate.
—FRANCIS BEAUMONT.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

JANUARY 31.

1711. We are here in as smart a frost for the time as I have seen; delicate walking weather, and the Canal and Reservoirs full of the rattle sliding, and with skates, if you know what those are. Patrick's bird's water freezes in the gallipot and my hands in bed.—*Swift.*

FAILURES.

Failures interest me more, generally, than success. If I am asked why, my answer is that they seem to reveal human nature more truly, and, on the whole, more encouragingly, than anything else in the world.

—LAURENCE HOUSMAN.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 31.—Coronet Theatre; "One Exciting Night."
January 31.—Spar Theatre; "The Pilgrim."
January 31.—World Theatre; "Morals."
February 18.—Pianoforte Recital at City Hall, 5.30 p.m.

SOCIAL.

January 31.—Musical at Helena May Institute, 4.30 p.m.
February 4.—Concert in St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, 9 p.m.
February 4.—Grand Chinese Carnival in the Hongkong Hotel Grill Rooms, 8-12 p.m.
February 23.—Royal Air Force Re-union Dinner.
March 1.—St. David's Society Dinner.

LAND SALE.

February 4.—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown land at Shaokwan, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

February 1.—One-hundred and fourth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong-Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd., at the Offices of the Company, Noon.
February 2.—Fifth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., at the registered office of the Company, No. 16, Des Voeux Road Central, 3 p.m.

OTHER MEETING.

February 4.—General Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club in the Hongkong Club Annex, 5 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting up time to-day is at 6.11 p.m.

A *Reuter* cable from Sydney states that the Japanese squadron has sailed for New Zealand.

Visit to one of H. M. Ships conducted by Lieut. R. R. Beauchamp for children on Friday, February 1. All wishing to go meet at Helena May Institute 5.15.—*Adv.*

From the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., and the North China Insurance Co., Ltd., the *China Mail* has received very charming and artistic Chinese calendars, reproducing famous classical paintings.

According to a *Reuter* cable from Washington, Mr. Hughes, the Secretary of State, received the Greek Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Tsamados, thereby re-establishing relations between the United States and Greece.

Lady Binyate, distributed University certificates, cups and shields to scholarship students of St. Stephen's Girls' School last night. A successful concert was held during the evening, male pupils from St. Stephen's College assisting.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

T. T. exchange on London is 2 3/8; on Shanghai 70 1/2.

Eighteen fresh cases of small-pox were reported yesterday.

Vernacular papers in Hongkong and Canton cease publication for the New Year holidays to-day. Local Chinese restaurants also had their final service for the year last night.

The wreck of the "Hoi Sang" has now been removed from the Sunning Railway Company's wharf, according to a notification received from the Kowloon District Harbour Master.

Two pretty young ladies, one in Chinese costume and the other in semi-Western dress grace the Chinese calendar issued by Messrs. W. G. Humphreys and Company, Hongkong agents for the Sun-Made Raisin Growers' Association.

The Pharies are to give their renowned Pierrot entertainment to-morrow and Saturday in support of the Submarine "L 24" disaster fund. The object of the Concert should ensure good houses, apart the Pharies' powers of entertainment to do the same.

The *China Mail* is informed that the Chinese telegraph service to North China (overland) has been resumed after a long interruption. Telegrams are also accepted for Swatow but connection with Canton and Shamen and other Kwangtung stations has not been resumed, although repairs are still going on.

Passing through Hongkong for Shanghai by the French Mail "Angers" is M. Stoupin, a very accomplished cellist now touring the Far East for the second time. M. Stoupin's Manager, Mr. Benjamin, informed a *China Mail* man this morning that they expected to return to Hongkong in the first week of March when they will give concerts in the Theatre Royal.

Included in the manifest of the s.s. "Kinsan" on a down-trip this week were several tubs of fish-eggs. On inquiry it is learned that they were transhipped for the F.M.S. where they will be released in the fish-nurseries. Evidently there is a liking for Canton fresh-water fish as considerable expense is entailed, two attendants being required for each tub during the whole journey.

Charged with being a suspected person and a repeated thief in that he was found on board the s.s. "Tanda" with intent to commit a felony, a Chinese named Chan Koke was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour by the acting Marine Magistrate (Lieut. Commander Conway Hake) yesterday, and recommended for banishment. There were several previous convictions.

The strange reports about the Omotoko sect—one indicating that it was taking on an international character and uniting with the Red Swastika Society of China, and another to the effect that it was joining hands with the Chauvinist Kokusui-kai—have somewhat alarmed the Japanese police. The "Kokumin" reports that detectives in plain clothes have been sent to the headquarters of the sect at Ayabe to ascertain what is really happening.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. L. Yates returned to the Colony by the "President Jackson."

Mrs. J. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Langston and Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, are passengers on the outgoing "Suwa Maru."

A telegram to the *Daily Bulletin* states that Sir Charles Elliot K.C.M.G., British Ambassador to Japan, left for Hongkong on a short visit yesterday afternoon on board the "Empress of Australia."

Mr. Walter J. Hawker has been appointed Assistant General Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., and the Secretaryship of the Company has been taken over by Mr. Percy H. Suckling.

The N.C.D. News announces the death, which took place at his home, of Mr. Hang Hsin-tai, one of the leading members of Parliament. Mr. Hang, who was a staunch member of the Kuomintang and follower of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, has persistently refused to go to Peking in response to the invitation of the present administration.

In a debate in the Bulgarian Parliament on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, Sakaroff, the Communist leader, condemned all propaganda from outside against the institutions of Bulgaria, and denied there was any connection between Bulgarian Communists and Russian Bolsheviks.

ROUND THE WORLD.

"PRESIDENT HARRISON"
DUE ON MONDAY.

TRADE DELEGATION ABOARD.

With the arrival at Hongkong of the Dollar steamer "President Harrison," a new chapter in the history of the shipping world will be written. The "President Harrison" will be the first ship on a regular line of passenger ships encircling the globe. She is one of seven sister ships which, according to the arrangements of the enterprising Dollar Steamship Company, will start every fourteen days on their trip round the world.

Sitting in the White House, President Coolidge flashed a radio message which started the "President Harrison" on her voyage from San Francisco. On board were a party of prominent American business men who are making the world tour. At every port of call they have been feted and honoured and to mark their presence, the ship carries a sign 97 feet long with the words "Trade Tour" unmistakably emblazoned.

The "President Harrison" is due at Hongkong on February 4 and will continue her trip the next day calling at Manila and proceeding via Suez to Marseilles from where she will return to New York, the pioneer of a unique shipping service. The minimum rate for the world tour on the Steamship Company's service is Gold \$1,250. A passenger may embark at any port which the vessels touch during their journey and return to the same place 112 days later. If he would travel more leisurely he may stop at any port where fancy calls and continue almost at will on other ships of the line. The ships are identical; they sail every 14 days. The round-the-world service takes the passenger from New York (the starting point) to Havanna, Colon, Balboa, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu, Kobe, Shanghai, Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Naples, Genoa, Marseilles, Boston and back to New York from any port of call, round the world returning to the port of embarkation.

The "President Harrison," formerly the "Wolverine State" is an oil-burning steamer with six single end Scotch boilers. Her length is 522 feet, breadth (beam) 62 ft., her displacement 21,000 tons and loaded draft 32 ft. 3 in. She has a cargo capacity of 11,500 tons. The 87 passengers which she accommodates will be luxuriously comfortable, one special point being that she boasts of more bathroom space per passenger than any other boat in the shipping world. Another feature is that the "President Harrison" will carry the first sea post out of San Francisco. A mail clerk will accompany the vessel as far as Hongkong.

The seven ships on the run are the Presidents Harrison, Hayes, Adams, Garfield, Polk, Monroe and Van Buren. The "President Hayes," the second ship on the new service is due at Hongkong on Monday, March 3.

SERVICES SOCCER.

"DURBAN" WINS FINAL.

With their forwards combining well and a much sturdier defence, H.M.S. "Durban" were justly winners of the United Services football shield final which they played at Sookumpoo yesterday with the East Surrey's regimental team. In spite of the ground being wet and the slippery, both teams kept their feet well and a fast pace was maintained throughout although play was at times, scrappy. Both teams had just as much of the play and the rival citadels were visited in turn. Had the forwards brought their shooting boots with them, the score would have been bigger, although the difference might not have been changed. Opportunities which would have been welcomed by most forwards were missed several times. Towards the last stages, the "Durban" backs gave a very good display in contrast to the infantrymen's defence and it was this superiority which gave them the victory.

H.E. the G.O.C. (Major-General Sir John Fowler) accompanied by Lieut. Hall, R.G.A., A.D.C., was an early arrival, other distinguished speakers being Commodore Grace and Colonel Davy.

At the close of the game the G.O.C. handed the shield to Stoker Cann, the "Durban" skipper, and medals to the teams, which were as follows:—"Durban": Davies, Baker and King; Thomas, Holton and Leggo; Miller, Darlison, Cann, Watkins and Wymms. East Surrey: Reg. Douglas, Humphreys and Williams; Foster, Boniface and Briscoe; Charlesworth, Bakon, Woodbridge, Phillips and Macklewarth. Referee: Mr. Wakeham.

ARMS ON SHIPS.

EXEMPLARY SENTENCES
GIVEN.

Exemplary sentences were recorded by the Police Magistrates this morning in three arms cases. Li Hi-yat, who claimed to have been a laundryman in Vancouver, was charged with the possession of 60 rounds of ammunition on board the "Protestants." During a search the rounds were found in a purse in his inside pocket. Mr. J. H. Wood inflicted a fine of \$1,000.

A similar fine was imposed on Wong Wa-chun, a cook who was found with 42 rounds on the "President Jackson." His excuse was that the ammunition had been entrusted to him by a clansman who wanted it taken back to the country for him.

For possession of 100 rounds and a quantity of explosives on the Nanyo Maru No. 1, on January 23, a Chinese was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. G. N. Orme this morning.

According to Inspector Blackman, a quartermaster suspected defendant when the latter went on board with a basket. On following him into a hold he saw defendant hide the contraband, whereupon he reported the matter to the Chief Officer who had defendant arrested.

MRS. LINDSAY'S BROTHER.

DR. THOMPSON, THE LATEST
BANDIT CAPTIVE.

The bandit's latest captive, Dr. Gordon Thompson, medical missionary at Yunnan-fu who was on his way to Peking for the purpose of handing over the late Brigadier-General Pereira's effects, is a brother of Mrs. Lindsay, wife of the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. Mrs. Thompson is staying at the Vicarage with her two children and was intending to remain here until her husband returned.

Dr. Thompson was captured by bandits a week ago at Photowchen, which is some distance west of the Peking-Suiyuan railway terminus. He intended making a report of the circumstances of General Pereira's death which occurred while on a journey to Tibet.

So far, no news has yet been received of the release of Dr. Thompson and much sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Lindsay in their anxiety.

HOLD UP IN CITY.

POLICE AND PUBLIC
POWERLESS.

For a brief period last night quite the largest hold up that has taken place in Hongkong for some time occurred just before 7 p.m. The police seemed powerless to act for there was not the slightest effort on their part, so far as could be seen, to put a stop to proceedings or to bring those responsible for the hold-up to a sense of their sins. Strong men looked at each other in sheer helplessness for they were up against it with a vengeance. Women and children crowded together but strange to say were silent and put up with the indignities offered them with a calm stoicism which has made Hongkong famous the world over. Chaos and confusion seemed almost to reign supreme and who knows what the outcome would have been when lo! there was a welcome cry along the whole of Des Voeux Road. For the electric current had returned and the traffic proceeded on their way as if nothing had happened to stay their onward progress.

ONCE BIT TWICE SHY.

SPURIOUS SINGAPORE
NOTES.

Three months' imprisonment with hard labour was meted out by Mr. G. N. Orme to a Chinese who was found guilty of attempting to palm off a forged Singapore \$10 note yesterday.

Evidence was given by a money-changer at No. 157, Wuhu Street, Hongkong, that defendant presented the spurious note to be changed. After closer examination witness told defendant that as he was trying to get rid of a false note through him, he (witness) would have him arrested. On this defendant bolted but a jolt ran him down within thirty yards and gave him into custody. Witness added that he was particularly careful with Singapore paper money as he had been victimised on two previous occasions on both of which he had taken \$10 denominations.

NAVAL OIL LEASES.

TEAPOT DOME SCANDAL.

MR. FALL PLEADS ILLNESS.

(Reuter's American Service)

WASHINGTON, January 30.
Mr. Fall's physicians having testified as to the inadvisability of bringing him to the capital to testify before the investigation committee it was decided to appoint four physicians to make an independent examination.

[An earlier cable stated: Senator Willis (Republican) declared in the Senate that Senator Fall had been placed under the surveillance of agents of the Department of Justice at New Orleans on January 20 with orders not to permit him to leave the country "under conditions."]

Special Counsel.

WASHINGTON, January 30.
President Coolidge has appointed Mr. Thomas W. Gregory Democrat Attorney-General under President Wilson, and Mr. Silas H. Strawn (Republican), a prominent Chicago lawyer, as counsel to prosecute persons concerned in the Teapot Dome oil case on behalf of the Government.

[Dividing public interest with the Teapot Dome scandal is the case of William H. Anderson, New York State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, convicted on both counts of an indictment charging him with forgery in the third degree. Anderson, who was the moving spirit of the Anti-Saloon League, possessing almost autocratic powers, in testifying on his own behalf told an amazing story of how a mysterious stranger, whose name he thought was King, some years ago gave him \$25,000. Anderson used the money for League purposes and subsequently recompensed himself out of League funds, and, incidentally, made entries in the books which formed the subject of the present charge.]

Senate Repudiates Leases.

WASHINGTON, January 30.

The Senate carried by 46 to 38 votes a resolution by the Democrat Senator Walsh repudiating the naval oil leases.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PIRATES.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—In your issue of Jan. 26, I notice a letter signed Reader, criticising the Chief Officer of up to then—the latest victim of a piratical attack, for not carrying his revolver. "Reader" evidently does not grasp the facts. When this officer came on duty the bridge was already in the hands of the pirates, and he, according to "Reader's" idea, was to tackle about thirty pirates single handed in the dark, with the leader of the gang standing alongside him, ready to shoot if he had drawn a weapon. "I should like to know what use one officer would have been in that case, even if he had several revolvers. But everything is possible to an arm chair critic. The fact remains that he is alive to-day because he was not carrying arms.

Now to take another point of view. "Reader" says he is an ex-Army officer—which does not surprise me. I would like to point out to him, that, as an ex-Army Officer, he has been taught his job—at a rather high cost to the Country—and if he had been supposed—doing the job he was paid for—his wife, supposing he were married, would have got a pension, enabling her to live more or less decently. In the case of a Ship Officer, who does not get paid for fighting, if he is captured, fighting pirates, his wife can go to the Workhouse—or to the devil—whichever she feels like. In any case nobody cares two hoots. What becomes of her, supposing she goes West fighting pirates, against hopeless odds? What has she done it for? To prevent some one stealing "Reader's" watch and some merchant's cabbages, which to me doesn't seem a sound reason for being shot.

It must be comforting to travel in a River steamer, knowing that there is an officer on the bridge, ready to fight to a finish to save "Reader's" money. "Reader" would not tolerate anything else.

In conclusion, I would remark that ships' officers on river steamers—many of them ex-Naval officers—know much more about what can be done in the event of an attack on the ship and are quite capable of doing it, without any advice from an ex-Army Officer.

Yours etc.,

READER MARK II.

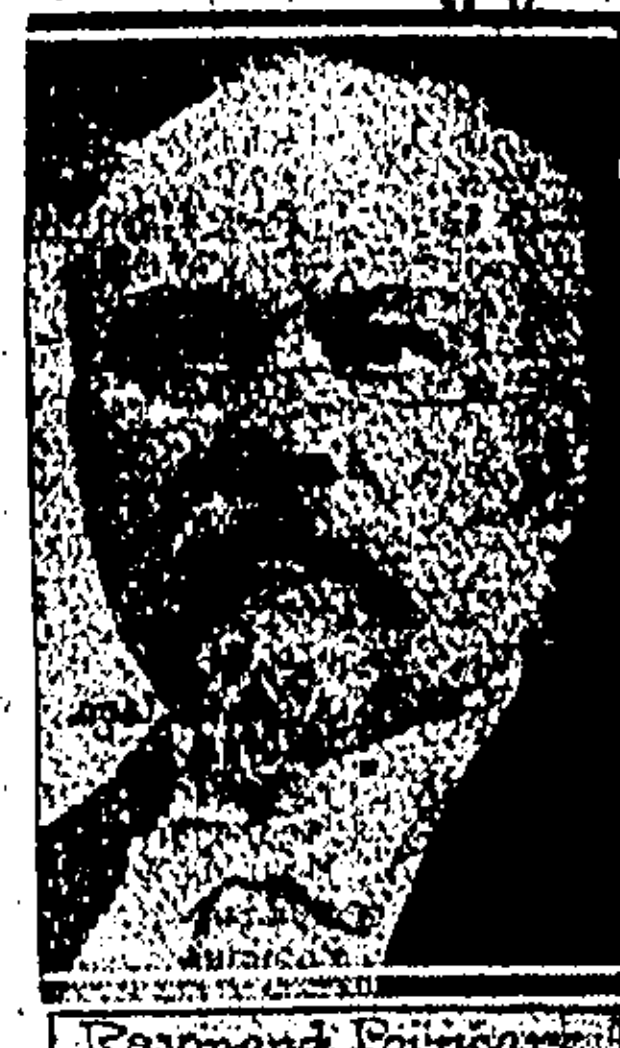
LOCAL WIMBLEDON.

ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

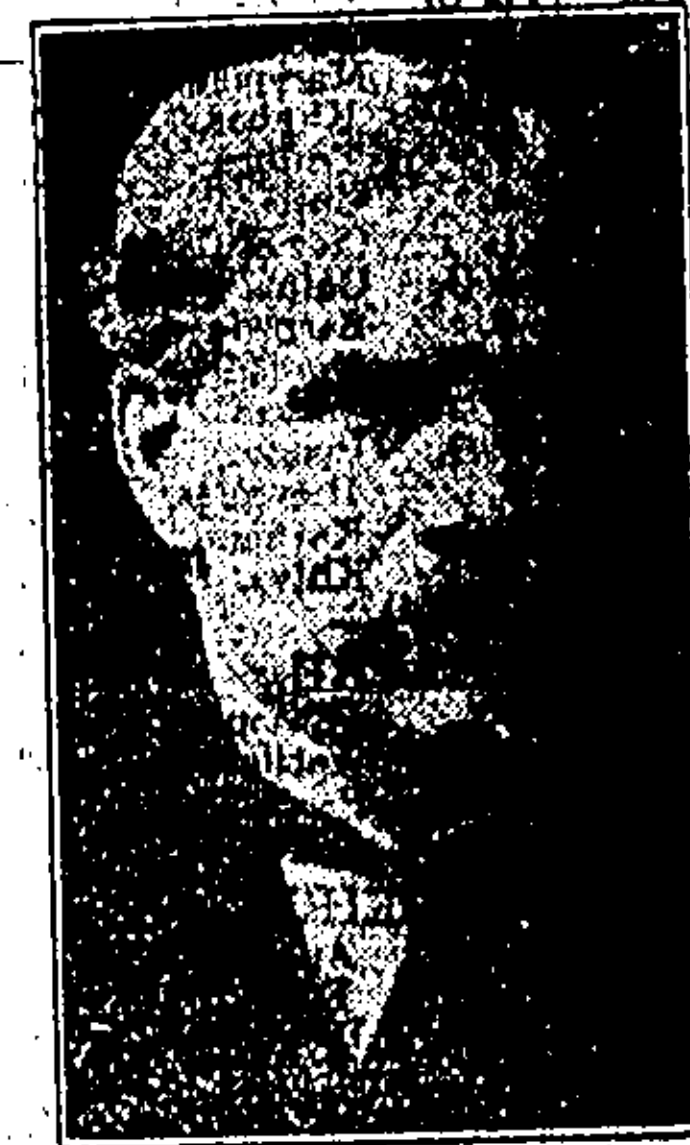
Entries close on February 15, and play begins on March 3 in the annual tennis tournament under the auspices of the H.K.C.C. Championships single and doubles events are open to members of the Colony and there are five events for members and their ladies.

MEN IN THE NEWS.

ANGLO-FRENCH OVER-TURES.



FRANCE'S PREMIER.



BRITAIN'S PREMIER.

Mr. Ramsey MacDonald has sent M. Poincaré a friendly letter clearing the ground for a discussion of Anglo-French differences.

Whooping Cough.

Whooping cough is hard on the child and hard on the parents. Control the dreadful whooping and coughing with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It induces quiet sleep but contains no narcotics nor other harmful substances. Old and recommended everywhere.

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THE STAR.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN.

To-night at the Star Charlie Chaplin makes a welcome re-appearance in Hongkong after a long absence. The film is "The Pilgrim" which is sure to meet with plenty of popular appreciation.

Charlie is as good as ever in this picture which has been specially booked by the Star, in response to requests from patrons who are lovers of the quaint comedian.

MARINE MISDOINGS.

Failure to observe the rule of the road in the harbour cost the master of the steam launch "Wing Fat" \$15 and the master of the steam launch "Wo Shun" \$10 at the Marine Court to-day. The former had been convicted before.

A cargo boat master was fined \$10 for dumping building materials into the harbour and another cargo boat master had to pay \$5 for carrying seven excess passengers.

"TO-DAY'S" ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

ENTRIES may now be made for the various events. Forms and full particulars can be obtained at the Pavilion. Entries close on the 15th February 1924.

L. S. GREENHILL, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 31st January, 1924.

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SEA TIDE MARUFriday, 8th Feb.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

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CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Haigao.

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"ALIPORE"	10,811	23rd Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"NAGPORE"	5,833	27th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"PERIM"	7,618	4th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,088	8th Mar.	MANARILLA, London & Antwerp
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	15th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"WALDEA"	15,838	22nd Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"PAIDIA"	5,833	29th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"SICILIA"	9,014	5th Apr.	MANARILLA, London & Antwerp
"CHINA"	9,014	12th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"SOUDAN"	8,840	19th Apr.	MANARILLA, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,014	26th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"PLASSY"	7,428	3rd May	MANARILLA, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,014	10th May	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KHYBER"	9,014	17th May	MANARILLA, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,840	24th May	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"MOHRA"	10,811	31st May	MANARILLA, London & Antwerp

S. S.	Tons	From	Destination
"JAPAN"	8,032	5th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"TALMA"	10,811	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"TANDA"	8,032	19th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"TARADA"	8,032	26th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay

S. S.	Tons	From	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	2nd Feb.	Manila, Suez, Can. Thursday
"EASTERN"	4,500	at 4 p.m.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane,
"ARAFURA"	6,000	2nd Apr.	Sydney & Melbourne.

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"KARNATA"	9,088	4th Mar.	MANARILLA, London & Antwerp
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	11th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"WALDEA"	15,838	18th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"PAIDIA"	5,833	25th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"SICILIA"	9,014	1st Apr.	MANARILLA, London & Antwerp
"CHINA"	9,014	8th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"SOUDAN"	8,840	15th Apr.	MANARILLA, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,014	22nd Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"PLASSY"	7,428	29th Apr.	MANARILLA, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,014	6th May	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KHYBER"	9,014	13th May	MANARILLA, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,840	20th May	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"MOHRA"	10,811	27th May	MANARILLA, London & Antwerp

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Butcher Meat.		January 11, 1924.	January 11, 1918.	June 1914.
		Ozs.	Ozs.	Ozs.
Beef Strick,--Mat Long Pa	...	30	24	12
" Prime Cut	...	30	24	12
" Corned,--Ham Ngau Yek	...	35	32	30
" Roast,--Shiu	...	30	34	32
" Breast,--Ngau Nam	...	30	34	30
" Soup,--Tong Yek	...	30	30	15
" Steak,--Ngau Yek Pa	...	30	34	32
" Steak Strick,--Ngau Lau	...	35	30	32
" Sausages,--Ngau Cheung	...	30	30	30
" Bellows' Brains,--Ngau No per see	...	12	10	12
Tongue, fresh,--Ngau Lau each 30	...	50	50	50
Tongue, corned,--Ham Ngau Lau	...	...	...	...
" Head,--Ngau Tau	each 1.00	1.00	1.50	...
" Heart,--Ngau Sam	lb. 15	12	...	...
" Lump, Gal,--Ngau Kiu	...	20	18	...
" Feet,--Ngau Kiu each	12	10	...	...
" Kidneys,--Ngau Yik	...	12	10	12
" Liver,--Ngau Yik	...	31	30	32
" Trip,--Ngau Kiu	lb. 15	15	15	14
" Liver (underside), Ngau To lb. 8	...	6	...	...
Calves Head and Feet,--Ngau-tai-				
" tail-knuck	...	81.30	1.08	1.00
Mutton Chop,--Young Pui Kwai lb. 40	...	40	38	35
" Leg,--Young Pui Kwai	...	37	34	34
" Neck,--Young Pui Kwai	...	37	34	34
" Raddle,--Young On Yek	...	48	18	...
" Pig's Chittlings,--Chiu Cheung	...	35	35	37
" Brains,--Chiu No	per see 3	32	32	32
" Feet,--Chiu Kiu	...	15	15	15
" Fry,--Chiu Chop	...	39	16	18
" Head,--Chiu Tau	...	24	30	...
" Heart,--Chiu Sam	...	35	10	...
" Kidneys,--Chiu Kiu	...	38	10	...
" Liver,--Chiu Kiu	lb. 35	30	30	44
" Feet Chop,--Chiu Pui Kwai	...	35	35	37
" Leg,--Chiu Pui	...	32	32	37
" Loin,--Chiu Han Tau	...	12	...	...
" Fat or Lard,--Chiu Yau	...	22	31	...
Sheep's Head and Feet,--Young				
" Tail-knuck	...	75	60	70
" Heart,--Young Sam	each 10	...	4	7
" Kidneys,--Young Yik	each 15	12	10	...
" Liver,--Young Kiu	lb. 40	35	35	35
" Sucking Pigs, to order,--Chiu Tai	...	35	35	35
" Suck. Head,--Shang Ngau Yau	...	30	30	24
" Mutton,--Shang Young Yau	...	40	35	35
" Yau,--Ngau Tai Yau	...	24	30	19
" Sausages,--Ngau Tai Cheung	...	35	30	20
No. 1,--lb. 33	...	...	...	...
Fish.				
Barbel,--Ka Yu	...	38	19	24
Bream,--Piu Yu	...	28	20	18
Carion Fresh Water Fish,--	...	...	...	...
" Ho Si Yu	...	22	18	18
" Carp,--Li Yu	...	30	16	37
" Catfish,--Ohk Yu	...	44	15	9
" Codfish,--Man Yu	...	20	30	35
" Crabs,--Hal	...	46	23	23
" Catfish,--Muk Yu	...	28	18	8
" Dab,--Sha Hung Yu	...	55	23	15
" Eel,--Wong Mel Lap	...	18	10	9
" Dog Fish,--Tio To Sha	...	12	10	8
" Sole, Conger,--Hoil Man	...	24	18	...
" Freshwater,--Tau Shui Yu	...	30	20	18
" Yellow,--Wong Si Yu	...	45	28	33
" Frog,--Tin Kail	...	80	28	25
" Garoupa,--Shak Pan	...	70	40	30
" Gadgong,--Pak Kap Yu	...	30	18	15
" Herrings,--Tao Pak	...	30	23	18
" Halibut,--Cheung Kwan Kap	...	23	18	23
" Labrus,--Wong Pa Yu	...	30	22	18
" Loach,--Wo Yu	...	68	23	24
" Lobsters,--Lung Ha	...	50	32	31
" Mackerel,--Chi Yu	...	30	30	38
" Monk Fish,--Mung Yu	...	40	32	28
" Mullet,--Shai Yu	...	34	18	8
" Oysters,--Tang Ho	...	38	16	22
" Parrot Fish,--Kai Kung Yu	...	22	14	10
" Perch,--Tai Lo	...	30	20	15
" Pike,--Pa Pan Fong	...	18	16	8
" Plaice,--Pan Yu	...	53	28	14
" Pomfret, Black,--Hak Cheung	...	25	26	29
" Pomfret, White, Pak Cheung	...	40	36	30
" Prawns,--Ming Ea	...	65	28	46
" Ray,--Pai Pa Sha	...	10	10	1
" Rock Fish,--Shak Kau Kung	...	22	13	1
" Roach,--Chun Yu	...	30	22	1
" Salmon,--Ma Yau	...	60	38	8
" Shark,--Sha Yu	...	12	8	1
" Skate,--Po Yu	...	10	10	1
" Ghrampus,--Ha	...	54	36	3
" Snapper,--Lap Yu	...	41	32	2
" Sole,--Tio Sha Yu	...	28	38	2
" Tench,--Wap Yu	...	23	28	1
" Turbot,--Tio Zian Yu	...	30	15	...
Turtles, small fresh	...	...	...	...
" Kerk Yu	1.30	40	...	...

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CRICKET.

BROKERS BEAT
COLLEGIANS.

Taking advantage of yesterday's
half-holiday, a team representative
of local stock-brokers paid a visit to
Sookimpo where they showed
their worth as cricketers to eleven
building enthusiasts from Queen's
College. Quite a number of the
"Raiders" team have erstwhile
appeared for Q.C., this lending an
added interest to the game.

Scores:

Brokers	Collegians
B. A. Ismail, c. M. P. Madar, b. 56	
H. C. Hunt, run out 20	
E. C. Lammert, c. M. Shaban, b. 25	
A. H. Ramjahn, c. Fletcher, b. 6	
E. J. Cooke, c. Choa Ping-sum, b. 11	
M. P. Madar, 3 0 13	
M. P. Madar, 3 0 13	
J. C. Fletcher, 7 0 35	
A. R. Minu, 3 0 20	
Extras 6	
Total 172	

Pinnas, S. A. Ramjahn and R. M.
Omar did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
F. M. Arendt 10 1 42			
A. H. Madar 15 1 56			
M. P. Madar 3 0 13			
J. C. Fletcher 7 0 35			
A. R. Minu 3 0 20			
Extras 6			
Total 172			

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

O.	M.	R.	W.
M. P. Madar, b. Lammert 20			
O. Ramjahn, b. Lammert 10			
F. M. Arendt, b. Lammert 10			
A. R. Minu, c. Ramjahn, b. Lammert 6			
J. C. Fletcher, b. Lammert 5			
M. A. Khan, b. Lammert 5			
Choa Ping-sum, c. Grose, b. Cooke 0			
M. Shaban, b. Lammert 0			
F. B. Grose, not out 0			
Extras 2			
Total 50			

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Lammert 10 0 38			
Pinnas 4 1 6			
Hunt 1 0 6			
Cooke 5 0 9			

FORTHCOMING TEAMS.

CIVIL SERVICE v. R.G.A.

The following will represent the
Civil Service Cricket Club in a
friendly fixture with the Royal
Artillery, on their own ground at
2.15 p.m. on Saturday, February
2. A. B. Wood (capt.), G. R.
Bayne, B. E. O. Bird, B. B. Reed,
A. R. Sutherland, F. J. Ling, F.
H. Holden, J. H. B. Nihil, R. C.
Wickell, F. Baker and W. H.
Edmonds.

UNIVERSITY PAST AND
PRESENT.

The annual whole-day match be-
tween the above teams will take
place on the University ground on
Wednesday, February 6, at 10.30

POISON REVENGE.

GOVERNESS'S INFATUATION
FOR PROFESSOR.

An interesting poisoning case
came to trial in the Vienna courts
recently when Milica Wukobran-
kowitz, a descendant of ancient
Serbian kings, was charged with
having in 1922 tried to poison
Professor Stupnagel and his
whole family. The Serbian girl
served as governess at Stupnagel's
house, and had fallen in love with
the Professor. She demanded that
the Professor should divorce
his wife and marry her, and when
she was refused she attempted, it
is alleged, to kill the whole family
by mixing lead with their food.

Many prominent members of
Vienna society were present at the
trial. In the foremost ranks one
could see the ex-Archduke Rainer,
Prince Hohenlohe, other members
of the aristocracy, and some of the
most beautiful women of Vienna.
Milica Wukobrankowitz de-
manded the evacuation of the galleries,
saying: "Those who came here,
led only by perverse curiosity,
must leave the room." The judge,
however, did not grant Milica's
appeal.

Her defence was sensational.
"I can claim, if I choose to do so,
the title of Princess of Serbia,"
she said. "In the fourteenth
century my ancestor, a son-in-law
of the famous King Lazar, ruled as
prince over half of Serbia. It was
he who at the Battle of
Kosowopolje, where Serbia lost her
independence, betrayed his
country to the Turks. For this he
was cursed with a curse recorded
and preserved to our days by
Serbian epics which are still sung
in the rocky mountains and
oak forests of Serbia. According
to these folk-epics the curse goes:
'God damn the Brankowitches, let
nothing of theirs prosper, nor come
to good, neither the grain of their
fields nor the children of their
house.' My father was the last
male of our race, and my name
is the name of that ancestor, Milica,
daughter of Lazar Brankowitch,
the traitor. This curse hangs over
our heads."

Leading medical experts de-
clared Mila Wukobrankowitch sane,
though neurotic in a high degree.

BORROWING LAWS.

LEAVES FROM FOREIGN
STATUTE BOOKS.

A London magistrate suggested
that it would be a good thing if
motor licences were issued only
to those who could show that they
were proficient drivers, as is done
in Denmark.

This law, thinks a *Daily Express*
writer, is only one of a number
which might be copied with
advantage from other nations,
statute books.

There is hardly a doctor in the
kingdom who could not welcome
the introduction of certain French
laws regarding infant welfare.
Every year in Britain many infant
lives are sacrificed owing to wrong
feeding. In France it is a punish-
able offence to give a child under
twelve months solid food of any
kind, unless it has been definitely
prescribed by a medical man.

A law in Poland makes it an
indictable offence for a person in
charge of a mechanically propelled
vehicle actually one, the road to be
supplied with intoxicants.

In Siam, instead of sending a
debtor to prison, where in Eng-
land he has a tolerably comfort-
able time, he is ordered on a
creditor's petition, to work for his
creditor, without remuneration
until the debt has been discharged.

MAN OF 40 MURDERS.

CRIMES IN FORESTS AND
HIGHWAYS.

The Berlin police have arrested
a man who is believed to have
committed 40 murders.

He was an industrious and re-
spected workman until he married
a second time. Then, under the
influence of his wife, he began a
career of highway robbery in
Silesia.

Once he entered on the path of
crime he stepped at nothing. He
murdered victims who showed the
least inclination to protect them-
selves.

ST. PAUL'S GIRLS'
SCHOOL.THE NEW-BUILDING
SCHEME.

St. Paul's Girls' School fills a
niche of its own in our educational
structure," commented the Hon.
Mr. R. H. Kotewall at the annual
prize distribution at the Theatre
Royal yesterday. As chairman of
the Building Committee, the Hon.
Mr. Kotewall had some interesting
facts to tell the audience regarding
the progress being made in the
project of a new school building.

The Theatre was crowded.
Before the distribution of the
award by Lady Subbs, the
students presented a very credit-
able programme of entertainments,
including physical drill, songs and
dances. Among those present
were the Bishop of the Diocese
(the Rt. Rev. Dr. Rappaport) the Hon.
Mr. E. A. Irving, the Hon. Mr. R. H.
Kotewall and Capt. Neville.

The annual report presented by
Miss Woo, the Headmistress,
showed that the highest number of
pupils, 601, the roll in the year 1923
was about 400. The staff was com-
posed of 17 men and nineteen
women, nine of whom were part-
time teachers, and five serving in
an honorary capacity.

"We are finding," continued
Miss Woo, "more and more the
importance of Physical Culture, for
it makes a tremendous difference
in the health of the girls."

When we have our own build-
ing we shall be able to pay greater
attention to physical culture, which
is most needed by the present
generation of girls.

Of the many activities of the
girls, the Report mentioned, first,
the organisation of a big bazaar at
the school in aid of the Building
Fund, which realised \$4,000.

Secondly, a campaign launched by
the senior girls to raise money for
the Building Fund, which produced
over \$6,000, and, thirdly, that five
of the Chung Hok girls succeeded
in securing half of the prizes offer-
ed by the Y.M.C.A. for the best
essays written in the vernacular on
"Thrift." The other half was
won by boys from five different
schools in Hongkong and Canton.

"We are proud of this success,"
said the Report, "because it proves
that the education given in the
school is not inferior to that given
in boys' vernacular schools,
especially as it is the general
opinion that girls in Hongkong do
not get the same opportunity for a
good education in their own
language as boys."

The New Building.
Outlining the building scheme,
the Hon. Mr. Kotewall said the
building in which the school was
at present housed was only rented,
and was inadequate to its needs.
For three or four years, the Com-
mittee of Management had been
hoping to have a permanent build-
ing, but want of funds prevented
the realisation of their hopes.

At the beginning of last year the
school had notice to quit. This
brought matters to a head, for the
Committee could find no other
premises, and would have been
compelled to close the school but
for the kindness of the owner in
permitting it to remain on for at
least another year. It was then
clear to all that a permanent
building had become an urgent
necessity; and the Headmistress,
Miss Woo, after having enlisted the
support of some leading Chinese in a
scheme to provide such a building,
and with the approval of the Com-
mittee, applied to the Government
for a site.

Thanks to the sympathetic
interest shown in the project by the
Director of Education, the Hon.
Mr. E. A. Irving, and by the then
Acting Colonial Secretary, the
Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, went
on the Hon. Mr. Kotewall, the
Government most generously
granted to the school a valuable
site of an area of over 30,000 square
feet, between Kennedy Road and
Macdonnell Road, with a promised
grant of \$50,000 towards the cost
of the building, provided that
\$200,000 was raised for this purpose
by private subscription, and that
the Committee of Management
should be strengthened as indicated
by the Government. (Applause.)

A Building Committee was at
once appointed, and subsequently
the members did him the honour
of electing him their Chairman.
The present \$109,000 had been raised,
and the school would be interested
to hear that the entire amount had
been secured from or through
some of the members of the
Building Committee. Mr. Lam
Woo, Mr. Kan Hung-chiu,
Mr. Mok Kon-shang, Mr. Mok
Ching-kong, and Mr. Lee
Hy-son had each given \$10,000;
while Mr. Wong Kwok-shuen and
Mr. Li Yuk-tong had contributed
\$2,000 each. Mr. Lee Hy-son, Mr.
Kan Tong-po, Mr. Kan Ying-pi,
Mr. Li Tse-fong and Mr. Li Si-
gong had each guaranteed \$10,000
and Mr. Kwok Yau-tung had
guaranteed \$5,000.

The original estimate of the cost
of the building, including the for-
mation of the site, was \$250,000;
but since the plans were prepared
by the architects, Messrs. Little,
Adams and Wood, it had been
computed that the cost would be
nearer \$300,000. The Building
Committee had carefully con-
sidered the question of cutting
down the size of the building as
designed, so as to reduce the cost,
but they came to the conclusion
that with the school rapidly ex-
panding it would be unwise and,
in fact, false economy. This, then,
leaves them in spite of the \$50,000
promised by the Government, and
the \$109,000 already secured
privately, with \$141,000 still to
raise.

Before concluding, the Hon. Mr.
Kotewall complimented Miss Woo
on the wonderful way she had
inspired all whom she had appeal-
ed to for help, giving them complete
confidence in their ability to carry
the scheme to a successful issue.
(Applause.)

He also took the opportunity on
behalf of the school, of wishing
the Hon. Mr. Irving many years of
happy retirement.

WHO'S WHO.

LATEST CHINA COAST
CHANGES.

Mr. N. Ponder, from reserve,
has gone second officer, "Kalgan."
Mr. E. G. Thomas, second officer,
"Kalgan," is on reserve.
Mr. G. Innes has been appointed
chief officer, "Fukwang."
Mr. C. S. Murray, third engineer,
"Ngankin," is on leave. Mr. R. J.
McNeil, from reserve, has gone
third engineer, "Ngankin."
Mr. D. G. Cairns, from reserve,
has gone second officer, "Hang-
sang." Mr. J. W. Stoneham,
second officer, "Hangsang," is on
reserve.
Mr. C. Fletcher, from leave, has
gone second officer, "Loksang."
Mr. W. A. Kernan, second officer,
"Wosang," has gone acting chief
officer, same ship. Mr. A. Franklin,
chief officer, "Wosang," is
deceased.

Mr. A. J. N. Noel, second officer,
"Kungwo," has gone acting chief
officer, "Tuckwo." Mr. E. J.
Porter, chief officer, "Tuckwo," is
on leave.

Mr. S. B. McKinley, chief engi-
neer, "Loksang," has resigned.
Mr. L. McWilliam, from reserve,
has gone chief engineer, "Lok-
sang."

Mr. McDonald, third engineer,
"Wingsang," has gone third engi-
neer, "Kutwo." Mr. R. Thomson,
sup'y second engineer, "Kutwo," is
on leave.

Mr. A. Paton has been appointed
third engineer, "Loongwo." Mr.
A. Connal, third engineer, "Loong-
wo," has gone third engineer,
"Yusang."

Mr. E. P. Smith, second officer,
"Nairung," has gone third officer,
"Lorestan." Mr. C. P. Francis,
third officer, "Lorestan," has gone
second officer, same ship. Mr.
R. H. Rule, second officer, "Lore-
stan," has gone acting chief officer,
same ship. Mr. H. C. Everett,
chief officer, "Lorestan," is on re-
serve. Mr. C. P. Beteul has been
appointed second officer, "Nai-
rung."

Captain J. S. Thompson, from
leave, has gone master, "Haiyang."
Mr. W. H. Bennett, acting master,
"Haiyang," has gone chief officer,
same ship.

Mr. W. C. Bird, acting chief
officer, "Haiyang," has gone second
officer, same ship.

Mr. J. Rees, acting second officer,
"Haiyang," has gone third officer,
same ship. Mr. C. Trott, chief offi-
cer, "Seistan," has gone chief offi-
cer, "Gorgistan." Mr. C. W.
Robson, chief officer, "Gorgistan,"
has gone chief officer, "Seistan."

OBITUARY.

MR. T. W. RICHARDSON.

The news of the death in London
of Mr. T. W. Richardson, late
governing Director of Bradley and
Co., Ltd., will be received with
much regret by old residents of
Hongkong. The late Mr. Richard-
son was 89 years of age and for
half a century he was in charge of
the Company's interests at Swatow.
He was born in Edinburgh and
educated at the Scottish Naval and
Military Academy and at Edin-
burgh University. When quite a
young man, Mr. Richardson
ventured out to Hongkong, land-
ing in the Colony in 1855 and
proceeding in the same year to
Canton. A year later he went to
Formosa and from there joined the
firm of Tait & Co., at Amoy in
1857. In 1860 he commenced
business at Swatow in conjunction
with Mr. C. W. Bradley, the firm
taking the name of Bradley & Co.
The late Mr. Richardson was
actively engaged with Bradley
& Co., almost to his passing away.

Mr. Richardson had each guaran-
teed \$10,000 towards the cost
of the building, provided that
\$200,000 was raised for this purpose
by private subscription, and that
the Committee of Management
should be strengthened as indicated
by the Government. (Applause.)

A Building Committee was at
once appointed, and subsequently
the members did him the honour
of electing him their Chairman.
The present \$109,000 had been raised,
and the school would be interested
to hear that the entire amount had
been secured from or through
some of the members of the
Building Committee. Mr. Lam
Woo, Mr. Kan Hung-chiu,
Mr. Mok Kon-shang, Mr. Mok
Ching-kong, and Mr. Lee
Hy-son had each given \$10,000;
while Mr. Wong Kwok-shuen and
Mr. Li Yuk-tong had contributed
\$2,000 each. Mr. Lee Hy-son, Mr.
Kan Tong-po, Mr. Kan Ying-pi,
Mr. Li Tse-fong and Mr. Li Si-
gong had each guaranteed \$10,000
and Mr. Kwok Yau-tung had
guaranteed \$5,000.

The original estimate of the cost
of the building, including the for-
mation of the site, was \$250,000;
but since the plans were prepared
by the architects, Messrs. Little,
Adams and Wood, it had been
computed that the cost would be
nearer \$300,000. The Building
Committee had carefully con-
sidered the question of cutting
down the size of the building as
designed, so as to reduce the cost,
but they came to the conclusion
that with the school rapidly ex-
panding it would be unwise and,
in fact, false economy. This, then,
leaves them in spite of the \$50,000
promised by the Government, and
the \$109,000 already secured
privately, with \$141,000 still to
raise.

Before concluding, the Hon. Mr.
Kotewall complimented Miss Woo
on the wonderful way she had
inspired all whom she had appeal-
ed to for help, giving them complete
confidence in their ability to carry
the scheme to a successful issue.
(Applause.)

He also took the opportunity on
behalf of the school, of wishing
the Hon. Mr. Irving many years of
happy retirement.

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The great inter-Varsity duel at Twickenham. A general view during the tussle between Oxford and Cambridge.



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By special permission of Mr. Rupert d'Oyley Carter, the boys of Lord William's School, Thame (Oxfordshire) produced the famous Gilbert and Sullivan opera "The Mikado," providing their own costumes and scenery. None of the boys is over 14 years of age.

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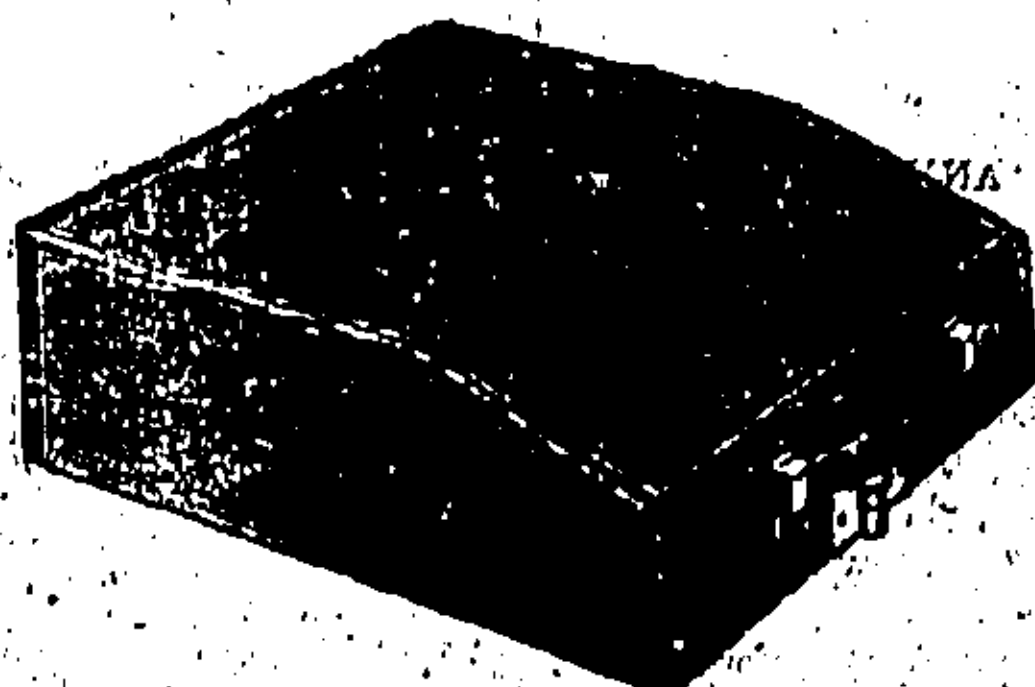
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WEATHER REPORT.

January 31st 11th 42nd.—Pressure has decreased slightly at all stations north of latitude 20°. It is nearly stationary from Cochin China to Guam.

The anticyclone is probably central over S. Manchuria. Moderate to light monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.02 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.02 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on February 1, 1924.

1.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, drizzle or mist.

2.—South coast of China, between Formosa and Japan, N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, drizzle or mist.

3.—Hongkong to Cape Horn, N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, drizzle or mist.

4.—South coast of Japan, between Hongkong and Hawaii, N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, drizzle or mist.

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

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Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Remarks.
Victoria Peak	6 a.	30.24	8	...	W	1	
Kakodato	9 a.	30.08	...	...	WNW	4	
Kochi		30.22	...	...	WNW	1	
Kochi		30.24	...	...	...	...	
Gosagaki		30.18	...	...	...	...	
Yama		30.14	...	...	NE	2	
Yama		30.02	...	...	WNW	1	
Shima		30.04	...	...	...	...	
Ono Island		30.02	...	...	...	...	
Chono	6 a.	30.26	30	...	...	...	
Obanagawa		30.20	43	91	ENE	1	
Shanzhai		30.21	43	93	ENE	2	
Shanzhai	7 a.	30.08	53	93	W	1	
Amoy	9 a.	30.04	56	94	...	...	
Swatow	5	30.08	...	93	ENE	...	
Taihekou		30.07	...	...	...	...	
Taihekou		30.01	61	...	ENE	4	
Koohu		30.09	63	...	...	...	
Pescadores		30.05	66	...	ENE	4	
Camou	6	30.01	69	...	...	...	
Hongkong		30.00	...	...	ENE	4	
Gap Rock		29.88	73	100	ENE	2	
Whinoh	8 a.	...	...	...	...	...	
Kakhol		...	...	...	...	...	
Polio	7	29.87	63	100	E	2	
Shan		29.86	72	...	E	2	
Ono Island	8 a.	29.82	75	...	ENE	7	
Amari		29.80	73	91	...	...	
Darupan		29.79	70	91	ENE	1	
Shan		29.79	70	91	...	...	
Lacapsi		29.79	77	79	N	4	
Taihekou		29.56	78	...	N	4	
Polio		29.54	81	96	...	...	
Shanzhai		29.50	83	...	NE	4	
Gap		24.73	89	...	ENE	4	
Amoy	6 a.	29.87	78	94	NE	4	